Statements of Water Diversion & Use Program

A report to the State Water Resources Control Board

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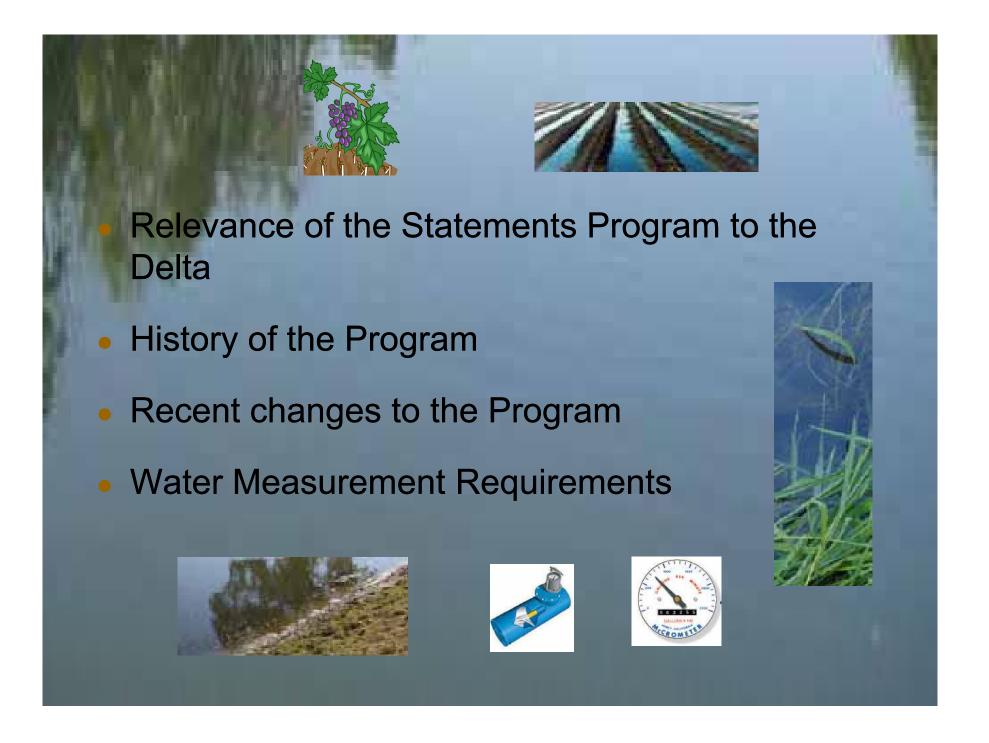
Statements Program

Requires, with minor exceptions, that all persons who divert water from a surface watercourse and who do not have a permit or license from the Board to file a statement of water diversion and use.



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Relevance of Statements Program to the Delta

- Watermaster Responsibility: Implement monitoring and reporting requirements
- Most Delta diverters do not have Board permits or licenses
- Statements Program is the primary reporting and monitoring program for Delta diverters







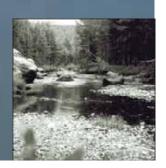
Relevance of Statements Program to the Delta (cont'd)

- Until recently in-Delta diverters were not required to measure and report their water diversion and use
- Historically there have been little data regarding the nature, extent, and location of these diversions
- Statements Program can bring more certainty to water use in the Delta

Statements of Water Diversion & Use Program

- History of Program
 - Started in 1966. Diverters "required" to file Statements
 - Many exceptions, including most Delta diverters
 - No legal consequence for not filing
 - About 10,000 Statements on File as of 2009; only about 250 from Delta Diverters
 - Statements are not a water right
 - Purpose: To provide a central repository for records of diversion and use.
 - Records of diversion amounts were "required",
 - but no specific measurement requirements.





Statements of Water Diversion & Use Program (cont'd)

Recent changes to Program

- Most exceptions eliminated, including those for Delta diverters
- Requirement to file is now real; fines for not filing
- In 2010-2011 about 6,700 new Statements were filed, including over 2,000 from the Delta
- Specific measurement requirements were added





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Number of Delta Diverters Based on Statements Submittals

Total Diverters: 3,000

Board permittees/licensees: 335

Statement Filers

– Pre-2010: 440

- 2010 (new): 2225

- For first time, have an accurate number of diversions in the Delta
- Over 90% of diversions are not permittees/licensees
- No accurate numbers yet on amounts of water use in the Delta

New Water Measurement Requirements

Statutory: Water Code Sec. 5103

- Apply to water diversions after January 2012
- Monthly records of water diversions
- Measurements shall be made using best available technologies and best professional practices
- These technologies and practices are not required if person demonstrates such practices are not locally cost effective (but monthly records still required)
- These requirements are distinct from the new DWR Program Agricultural Water Measurement Program which applies to certain water agricultural suppliers
 - Fines for not measuring, tampering with measuring devices, or making misstatements.

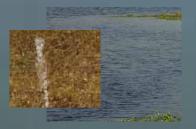


New Water Measurement Requirements (cont'd)

Legislative Findings re: Purpose of New Requirements

- * "Given the well-known importance of water to the state..., water measurement and reporting are required for most diversions."
- * "Because none of these in-Delta diverters are required to measure and report their diversion and use, there is presently little data regarding the nature, extent, and location of these diversions."







New Water Measurement Requirements (cont'd)

Definitions (Water Code Sec. 5100)

- * "Best Available Technologies": Technologies at the highest technologically practical level, using flow totaling devices and, if necessary, data loggers and telemetry.
- * "Best Professional Practices": Practices attaining and maintaining the accuracy of measurement and reporting devices and methods.
- No definition of "locally cost effective" in Statute. A definition is in Water Code Sec. 10608.12(k) regarding Agricultural Water Conservation.



Monthly monitoring required starting 1/1/12

Use monitoring devices based on best engineering technologies and best professional practices



3) If diverter can demonstrate that such meters are not "locally cost effective," alternative monthly measuring may be performed









Implementation of the New Measurement Requirements

- Draft Guidance sent to diverters
 - Narrative summary
 - Draft of revised Statements Form
 - Information posted on Board's website
 - Water measurement devices examples
 - Alternative measurement methods examples
 - Vendor/suppliers of devices
 - Definitions of key water measurement terms
 - Frequently Asked Questions
- Comments requested by 11/18/11







Implementation of the New Measurement Requirements (cont'd)

- Conduct public meetings, if necessary
- Recommendations to "fine-tune" the water diversion measurement requirements

